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SUBJECT: SFCP - US YUGOSLAV SCIENCE: MAY 6-10, 1974 JOINT BOARD
MEETING

REF: A. BELGRADE 1280 B. STATE 062696 C. BELGRADE 1154

1. AT RECENT MEETING WITH PIRKMAJER AND SUTLOVIC, SCIATT DISCUSSED AGENDA FOR SUBJECT MEETING.
2. JOINT BOARD ACTIVITIES REPORT PER PIRKMAJER WOULD BE SIMPLE ACCOUNTING OF GRANTS MADE ETC.
3. PIRKMAJER WISHES TO KNOW STATUS OF PREPARATION OF U.S. RESUME (REF A PARA 2D). YUGOSLAVS HAVE MAILED SOME 350 QUESTIONNAIRES TO PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AND EXPECTS HAVE ALL REPLIES ANALYSED BY MAY 6 IN ORDER COORDINATE FURTHER PREPARATION WITH U.S.
4. PIRKMAJER CONTINUES TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF NEW MONEY FOR JOINT FUND AND INDICATES GENERAL WILLINGNESS GOY TO MATCH (UNSPECIFIED) ADDITIONAL US INPUTS (REF A PARA 2E).
5. YUGOSLAVS MADE NOCOMMENT ON ELECTION NEW PRESIDENT FOR BOARD. SEEMS LOGICAL FOR AMERICAN TO TAKE OVER. PIRKMAJER

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HAS DONE GOOD JOB AND WE HOPE HE WILL REMAIN MEMBER. WOULD

APPRECIATE DEPT'S THINKING.

6. EMBASSY EXPECTS SHORTLY TO AGREE WITH GOY ON PROCEDURES
ALONG LINES REF (C) FOR TRAVEL OF SCIENTISTS (REF A PARA 2H),
WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED PROMPTLY TO DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

7. UNDER REF (A) PARA 2(H) (OTHER BUSINESS) PIRKMAJER LIKELY TO
STRESS YUGOSLAV VIEW THAT ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVEL BE MINIMIZED.
HE PARTICULARLY HOPES THAT WE CAN DISCONTINUE USE OF JOINT FUND
INTEREST FOR TRAVEL TO BOARD MEETINGS.

8. PIRKMAJER AND SCIATT ALSO DISCUSSED MIHAILO PUPIN (1858-1935)
AND FACT AHT 1974 IS CENTENNARY OF PUPIN'S ARRIVAL IN U.S., WHERE
HE WAS PROFESSOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS COLUMBIA UNIV, WINNER OF
1920 EDISON PRIZE AND CHAIRMAN, INSTITUTE FOR RADIO ENGINEER-
ING. PIRKMAJER SUGGESTED THAT SECOND MEETING OF JOINT BOARD IN 1974
COINCIDE WITH CENTENNARY (SEPTEMBER). HE ALSO REMARKED CASUALLY
THAT THE JOINT FUND MIGHT BE RE-NAMED THE MIHAILO PUPIN FUND.
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